

REMARKS

Claim 17 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten into independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended claim 16 to include the limitations of claim 17. Therefore, Applicants submit that amended claim 16 is allowable. Reconsideration and allowance is requested.


Claims 20-38 are newly-presented and are dependent upon amended claim 16. Claims 20-25 relate to Fig. 29. Support for claims 20-25 is provided in paragraph [0090] of the published application, Publication No. 2006/0278233. Claims 26-30 relate to Fig. 30. Support for claims 26-30 is provided in paragraph [0091] of the published application. Claims 31-38 relate to Fig. 33. Support for claims 31-39 is provided in paragraph [0092] of the publication application. As amended claim 16 is allowable, Applicants submit that newly-presented claims 20-38 are allowable. Entry, consideration and allowance is requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Response, the Examiner is invited to contact one of the undersigned attorneys at (312) 704-1890.

Respectfully submitted,

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